

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Summary

Relevant Law

The law governing residence for tuition purposes at the California State University is California Education Code sections 68000-68084, 68120-68134, and 89705-89707.5, and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, sections 41900-41916. This material is online at www.calstate.edu/gc/resources.shtml.

Each campus' admission office has the responsibility to determine the residence status of all new and returning students based on responses to the Application for Admission, Residency Questionnaire, Reclassification Request Form, and, as necessary, other evidence furnished by the student. A student who fails to submit requested information verifying eligibility for a resident classification will be classified as a non-resident.

Establishing Residence

Generally, establishing residence in California for tuition purposes requires a combination of physical presence and intent to remain indefinitely.

An adult who, at least one full year prior to the residence determination date for the term in which enrollment is contemplated, has been both physically present in the state and also has timely evidence of the intent to remain in California indefinitely, may establish residence in California for tuition purposes. A minor derives residence from the custodial parent or the parent with whom the minor child most recently resided.

Evidence demonstrating intent will vary from case to case but shall include, and is not limited to, the absence of residential ties to any other state, California voter registration and voting in California elections, maintaining California vehicle license plates and driver's license or I.D. card, maintaining active California bank accounts, filing California income tax returns, owning or leasing residential property or renting an apartment where permanent belongings are kept, maintaining active membership

in California professional or social organizations, and maintaining a permanent military address and home of record in California.

Non-citizens establish residence in the same manner as citizens unless precluded by federal law from establishing domicile in the United States.

Exceptions to the general residence requirements are contained in California Education Code sections 68070-68121 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 41906-41906.5, and include, but are not limited to, members of the military and their dependents and certain credentialed employees of school districts and certain high school students who have attended three full years of high school in California and attained the equivalent to high school graduation.

Whether an exception applies to a particular student cannot be determined before the submission of an Application for Admission and, as necessary, additional supporting documentation. Because neither campus nor Chancellor's Office staff may give advice on the application of these laws, applicants are strongly urged to review the material for themselves and perhaps consult with a legal advisor.

Non-resident students seeking reclassification are required to complete a supplemental questionnaire including questions concerning their financial dependence, which will be considered along with physical presence and intent in determining reclassification.

Changes of Residence

Resident students who become non-residents, or who no longer meet the criteria for an exception, must immediately notify the Admission Office.

Changes may be made in the rate of non-resident tuition and in the statutes and regulations governing residence for tuition purposes in California between the time this information is published and the relevant residence determination date. Students are urged to review the statutes and regulations stated above.

Residence Determination Dates

Dates are set each term.

Quarter Term Campuses	
Fall	September 20
Winter	January 5
Spring	April 1
Summer	July 1

Semester Term Campuses	
Fall	September 20
Winter	January 5 (applies only to Winter term at CSU, Stanislaus)
Spring	January 25
Summer	June 1

CalStateTEACH*	
Fall	September 20
Spring	January 5
Summer	June 1
<i>*Operates on a trimester system</i>	

Incorrect Classification

Students incorrectly classified as residents or incorrectly granted an exception from non-resident tuition are subject to reclassification as non-residents and payment of non-resident tuition in arrears. If incorrect classification results from false or concealed facts, the student is subject to discipline pursuant to Section 41301 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Appeal of Residency Classification

To appeal a campus residency classification, it must be in writing and submitted to:

The California State University
Office of General Counsel
401 Golden Shore, 4th Floor
Long Beach, California 90802-4210

The appeal must be submitted within 120 days of notification of the final campus decision. The Office of General Counsel can either decide the appeal or send the matter back to the campus for further review.